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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, applicants provisionally elect Figs. 7a, 7b, 7c upon which Claims 1-10 and 13-20 are readable. Applicants submit that one or more of generic claims 1-10, 14, 16-18 and 20 are allowable. Therefore, the species of Figs. 6a-6c should be rejoined along with claims 11 and 12.

An early action on the merits of claims 1-20 earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account no. 05-1323, Docket No.: 101280.53096US.

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